

On The Bit Meeting – September 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Present were Stephanie, Tammy, Robert, Kelly, Tom, Ginka, Anna, Mary Lynne.

Guest Sarah Brown Matthews from Pilot Hill Project (5500 acres): This Saturday Sept. 7 and Oct 5th will be special public use days. Whole section set aside for horseback. Blue markers will denote horse area. Parking will be off Grand Ave on north side, straight across from Vista Drive. Across from Walmart off Grand (car overflow lot). Want folks out by 3 p.m. and there will be a sign-in. Want as many people out there to enjoy and provide feedback for what community wants from area and how to manage area. Still privately owned but state working with committee to purchase. Likely will be finalized by spring. Map also available from website. Spread the word about the public use days!

Minutes read by Ginka. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's report:

Balance is \$7,082.23. Had some show expenses that came through since the last meeting. Motion to accept by Stephanie, seconded by Robert. Approved.

Old Business:

Temporary Stall Purchase:

Jessica said owners of Spur Ridge are open to working with us in terms of a place to put temporary stalls up for the show on the west side of the outdoor of the arena. Eventually that area will be developed for other purposes but there should always be some place to put them. We would have to pay more to lease the property. Robert asked whether there will be water access. Jessica said yes. Jessica does not know if Spur Ridge would be willing to store. But Tammy and Robert said they would be willing to be a last resort for storage. Jessica said that SR can likely store it outside (we would have to tarp it). They stack flat. Motion to purchase by Kelly, seconded by Tammy. Stalls are in Longmont. Stephanie suggested that we reimburse whomever helps transport them to Laramie. Heather thought they should be able to fit on one flatbed. Kelly and Tom's flatbed is 27 feet. Need to find out whether there will be a skid steer to load them on site or whether we will need manual labor.

Future show date:

Heather would be available July 18, 19 or the following weekend. Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez said for health reasons she only wants to travel to judge for situations in which she is working for at least 2 days. Jessica will look into options for an alternative judge for the 18th.

Fall Clinic with No. CO:

Ginka tried to get a hold of Didi Dekrey to no avail. Should we try to do our own fall clinic? Kelly recommended Amelia Newcomb from CA. Stephanie questioned whether we have the "band width" to accommodate a fall clinician given that many of us already are committed to other instructors etc.

New Business:

NCDA Schooling Show:

Sept. 15 at Tomora in Greeley. Fun, low-key opportunity to show. Judge Julie Haugen.

Officer Elections:

Officer elections coming up in October. Please submit nominations to the secretary (Anna, chalfouna@hotmail.com) by noon on September 30th.

Stephanie requested that someone else take over website and marketing (e.g., facebook) responsibilities. One of the officers could probably do it following a tutorial of WordPress. Time requirement would be about 2 hours a month. Officers will do a training session with Stephanie to learn how to do.

Tammy nominated the current slate of officers.

Need to nominate delegates (2) to attend the Board of Governor's meeting in Denver on November 2nd. Kelly and Tom volunteered. Additional folks may attend but we just have two votes.

Miscellanea:

Anna mentioned ELPO conference Denver Marriott Tech Center October 17th-19th. Registration is \$550 for non-members for entire conference.

Reminder September 28th and 29th is horsemanship clinic at ARC at Laramie.

Should we resume club presentations? Potential topics? Stephanie suggested vaccination and worming recommendations (what, how often). If anyone comes up with a topic for our next meeting, let Ginka know.

RMDS Championships in Parker, CO. September 18-22. Volunteers welcomed!

Jessica Greer Clinic at Jane Swanhorst's barn in Cheyenne Oct. 11-13th. Contact Jane to ride.

Move to adjourn by Tom seconded by Kelly at 8:41.

A member proclaimed "cheers!"